

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 20, 2005. Claims 1 and 3 to 9 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 6 and 9 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Summary of the Invention portion of the specification has been amended to provide better antecedence for the claims. No new matter has been added.

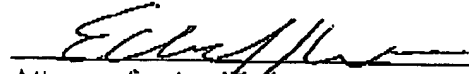
Claims 1 and 3 to 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended merely to make the claimed subject matter even clearer. Applicants submit that the claimed features of Claims 1, 6 and 9 are fully supported by at least Fig. 3 and the description provided in the specification at page 9, line 14 through page 10, line 21. Thus, it is believed that the claims fully comply with § 112, first paragraph and therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

As a formal matter, Applicants request that the Examiner return an initialed Form PTO-1449 for the August 11, 2004 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement indicating that the partial translations provided therewith for the documents Japan 5-292297, Japan 5-284339, and Japan 63-182973 have been considered and made formally of record in the application.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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